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From: SAN FRANCISCO

To: MOSCOW

No: 126

38 March 1945

To SEMEN[1]

[28 groups unrecovered]

and "NATASHA"[11]. To this end please sanction handing over to VITALIJ [iii] in PORTLAND who has here control of the "VICTOR"[iv] office [1 group unrecovered] of [C% unused cipher which was intended earlier for LOS ANGELES. In the event of your agreement to summoning VITALIJ to BABYLON and

[14 groups unrecovered]  
[55 groups unrecoverable]  
[25 groups unrecovered]

PORTLAND [1 group unrecovered], VITALIJ got to know the situation well and

[9 groups unrecovered]

VOVChEK[v]. [3 groups unrecovered] VITALIJ in case [6 groups unrecovered]. VOVChEK alone in PORTLAND is not

[24 groups unrecovered]

VAVILOV[vi]

[16 groups unrecovered]

some freedom of action. For this reason [C% I could not] for the time being meet VOVChEK and evaluate his work personally.

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SERGEJ[vii]

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Comments:

- [i] SEMEN: Unidentified.
- [ii] NATASHA: Unidentified.
- [iii] VITALIJ: Pavel Kuz'mich REVIZOROV.
- [iv] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.
- [v] VOVChEK: Aleksandr Pavlovich BOChEK.
- [vi] VAVILOV: Presumably Vice-Consul Mikhail Sergeevich VAVILOV who in March 1945 transferred from LOS ANGELES to SAN FRANCISCO.
- [vii] SERGEJ: Viktor Vasil'evich AFANAS'EV.

11 September 1969

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